University of Texas Libraries

Welcome!
What would you like to know about the UT Libraries?

Take the poll at pollEV.com/utlibraries553 to select topics
Meet your librarians!

People
http://guides.lib.utexas.edu/

Places
https://www.lib.utexas.edu/about/locations
Databases

http://guides.lib.utexas.edu/az.php
Services

- Chat reference
- Research consultations
- Texas Data Repository
- Texas ScholarWorks
- Plus, help with...
  - Citation management
  - Data management
  - Digital scholarship
  - Advice on publishing
Questions?
The University Writing Center

Services for Graduate Students
Benefits of Graduate Writing Support

● Feel confident, focused, and excited about your work

  ‘I feel a million times more confident and productive when I use your services.’

● Join an encouraging community

  ‘Due to the friendship and support of my group members, writing did not seem like a daunting task.’

● Learn evidence-based writing practices

  ‘I am learning every time I come here how to analyze my writing to make sure it is meeting the goals of the project. My writing is becoming more planned. I’m developing concrete abilities.’
Benefits of Graduate Writing Support

● **Practice professional communication with diverse audiences**

‘My research is based in neuroscience and molecular biology, where overuse of technical jargon is a real barrier to effective communication. I've sought feedback on thesis chapters and fellowship applications. The UWC provided constructive peer review that helped me improve the quality of my writing and build confidence to share my research with wider audiences.’

● **Learn to support others as a teacher, mentor, and colleague**

‘Not only did I get very useful tools for my own writing, but I will be able to use them to help my future students.’
Consultations

- 45-minute individual meetings
- Any project at any stage (even if you haven’t started writing)
- Non-directive, non-evaluative feedback
- Support with writing process, time management, and professional development

‘The conversation was super enlightening, helpful, and productive. I now feel a sense of hope and joy about my project.’
Saturday Retreats

- Structured, quiet writing sessions from 9 to 5
- Optional support from consultants
- Coffee, snacks, and kitchen
- Fall Retreats: Sept 29, Oct 20, Nov 10, Dec 1
- uwc.utexas.edu/grad/writing-retreats

‘It was tremendously helpful to gather with community and be supported each hour. It helped me focus and enjoy what I was doing.’
Writing Groups

- Supportive communities to hold you accountable and share ideas
- Interdisciplinary groups led by UWC facilitators
- One hour per week for 4 weeks
- Sign-up opens at 9 am on the 1st of each month
- Learn more: uwc.utexas.edu/grad/writing-groups

‘My group kept me accountable for writing goals each week, and I was able to use what I learned in the group for my chapters. Very practical and joyful sessions.’
Presentations

View more options and request a visit at uwc.utexas.edu/presentations.

- Introduction to UWC Graduate Services
- Transitioning to Graduate-Level Writing
- Clarity and Concision
- Avoiding Plagiarism
- Writing Literature Reviews
- Writing Your Dissertation
Resources

On Our Bookshelf:

- General writing handbooks
- Guides for specific genres and fields
- ESL resources
- Citation manuals

Online: uwc.utexas.edu/grad/resources

- Handouts, links, and presentations
- Popular resources: Hire an Editor, Guide to Giving Feedback, and more!

Doctoral Mentoring Resources for Faculty: uwc.utexas.edu/grad/resources/doctoral-advisors
Perry–Castañeda Library Learning Commons

- **Media Lab:** hardware and software to create audio, video, still, and 3D animation projects.
- **Research Help:** Schedule a consultation with a Libraries specialist in your area or chat with librarians online.
- **Workshops:** Free, drop-in workshop on topics related to research, writing, citation, oral communication, and more.
- **Public Speaking Center:** Receive feedback on the content and delivery of your presentations.
Ready for an appointment?

- **How do I make an appointment?**
  - Visit uw.c.utexas.edu
  - Call 512-471-6222

- **What do I bring?**
  - Any piece of writing at any stage
  - Prompt or assignment description, notes, drafts, and/or reviewer comments

- **When are you open?**
  - Monday - Thursday: 10am to 8pm
  - Friday: 10am to 4pm
  - Sunday: 1pm to 7pm

- **What about accommodations?**
  - SSD accommodations are available. To arrange any accommodations, please call (512)-471-6222 or stop by PCL 2.330.
‘To those of you still writing – there IS a light at the end of the tunnel, but you cannot make it to the end alone. You need a community around you to support and encourage you. There is no greater community than other graduate students in the same season of life who understand what you are going through.

Ask for help! Go to the consultations! Join a writing group! Go to the workshops! Go to the Saturday retreats! You will not regret it. The UWC staff is willing and ready to help you reach your goal. They understand the stresses and pressures of graduate school, and they are willing to help you carry the load while pushing you towards your goal. Be encouraged – the end IS attainable.’ – PhD Graduate, 2017
Available to Graduate Students of All Disciplines

- Individual Alt-Ac Career Coaching appointments
- Mock interviews
- Resume and cover letter critiques
- StrengthsQuest assessment
- Get help with your LinkedIn profile
- Alt-Ac Listserv
- Career Transitions Group
- Pre-Paid Subscription: VersatilePhD
Begin with the End in Mind

- Keep a working master resume and update it regularly
- Get out of your department bubble (both for networking and for mental health)
- Focus on your transferable skills (stats courses useful in many industries)
- Don’t wait until you’re graduating to start thinking about what’s next (career services are free!)
“Use the services provided by the university. They are free to you, and definitely helped me feel prepared in my job search - so much so that I was able to secure a job prior to my graduation date.”

“If you want to teach, great. Otherwise, you should build up a varied resume, including work skills (editing, project management, technology, tutoring) that will transfer outside of academia, or put you in a position to work within academia in a non-faculty position.”

“Start early. Be thorough in your research. Ask current and previous employees about work culture.”

“Do everything you can to work on your resume/paper/presentation/job market packet. Take a draft of your resume to the career center.”
THANK YOU!